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IN THE 30TH CENTURY.
TRAGEDY
THE DEATH OF LIGHTNING LAD
SATURN GIRL
A.K.A.: IMRA ARDEEN-RANZZ
HOMEWORLD: TITAN
ABILITIES: TELEPATHY
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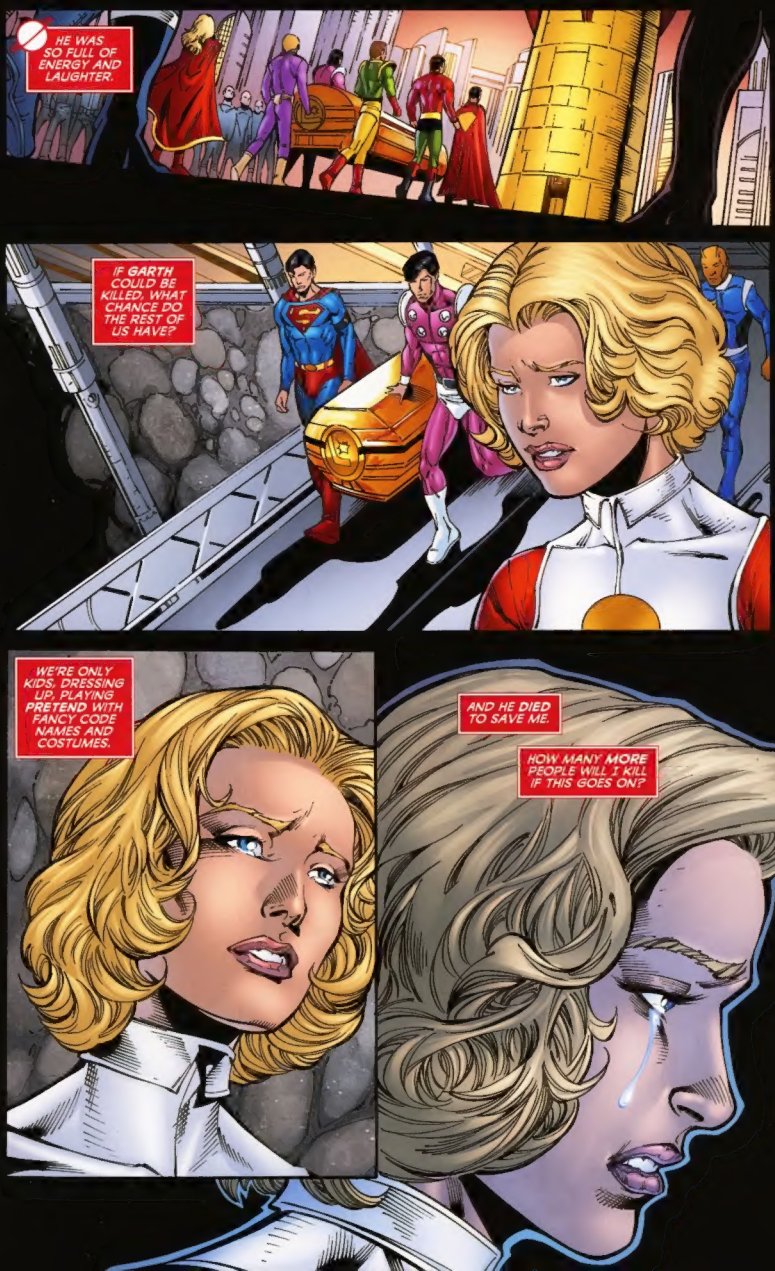
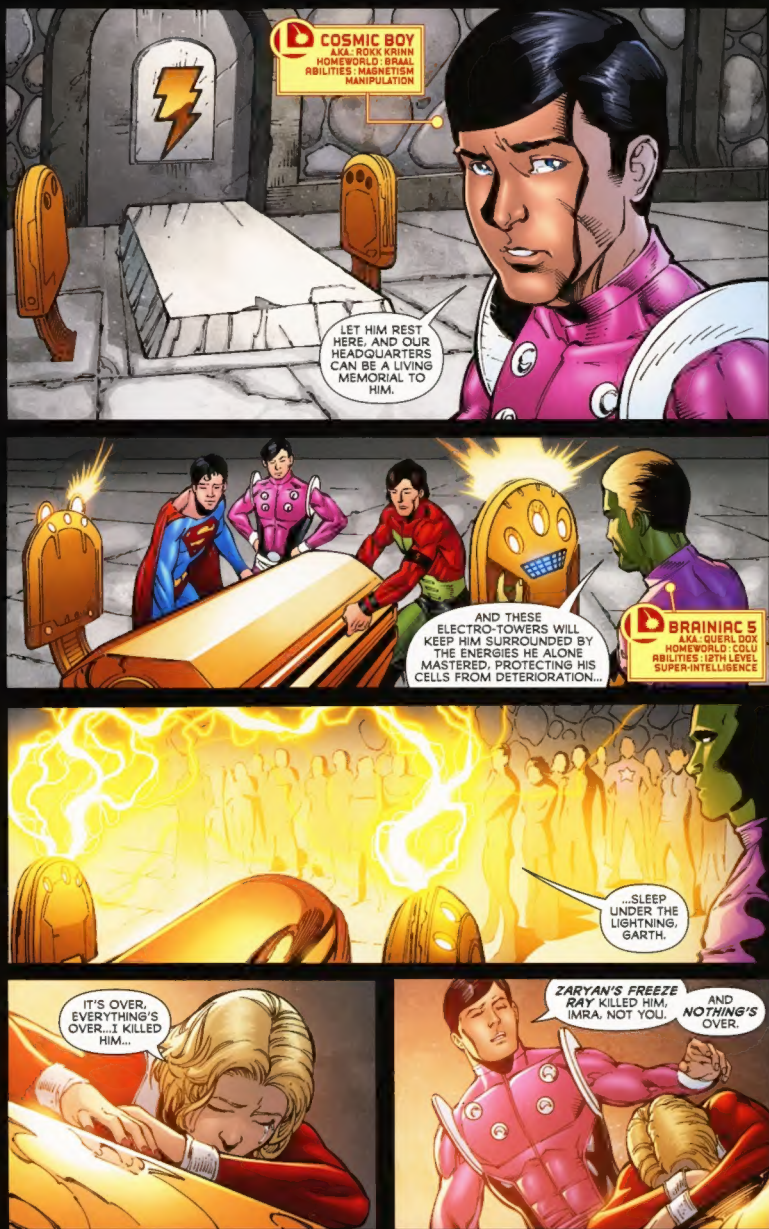

HE WAS SO FULL OF ENERGY AND LAUGHTER.
IF GARTH COULD BE KILLED, WHAT CHANCE DO THE REST OF US HAVE?
WE'RE ONLY KIDS. DRESSING UP, PLAYING PRETEND WITH FANCY CODE NAMES AND COSTUMES.
AND HE DIED TO SAVE ME.
HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE WILL I KILL IF THIS GOES ON?


COSMIC BOY
A.K.A.: ROKK KRINN
HOMEWORLD: BRAAL
ABILITIES: MAGNETISM MANIPULATION
LET HIM REST HERE, AND OUR HEADQUARTERS CAN BE A LIVING MEMORIAL TO HIM.
AND THESE ELECTRO-TOWERS WILL KEEP HIM SURROUNDED BY THE ENERGIES HE ALONE MASTERED, PROTECTING HIS CELLS FROM DETERIORATION...
BRAINIAC 5
A.K.A.: QUERL DOX
HOMEWORLD: COLU
ABILITIES: 12TH LEVEL SUPER-INTELLIGENCE
...SLEEP UNDER THE LIGHTNING, GARTH.
IT'S OVER. EVERYTHING'S OVER...I KILLED HIM...
ZARYAN'S FREEZE RAY KILLED HIM, IMRA, NOT YOU.
AND NOTHING'S OVER.

LIGHTNING LAD MAY HAVE LEFT US--
--BUT LONG LIVE THE LEGION.
LONG LIVE THE LEGION!

READY, S.P.s?
WE'RE GOING TO GO IN AND CLEAN UP THAT RATHOLE ZARYAN USED AS A LAUNCHING PAD TO ATTACK EARTH! WEAPONS CHECK?
CHARGED, LIEUTENANT ZENDAK.
CHECK.
EXCUSE ME.
THIS ONE'S ON US.
SUN BOY
AKA: DIRK MORGNA
HOMEWORLD: EARTH
ABILITIES: SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION AND MANIPULATION

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ARE YOU GOING TO *LET* THEM DO THAT, LIEUTENANT?
...ZARYAN TRIED TO INVADE EARTH! ISN'T THIS A *SCIENCE POLICE* MISSION?
QUIET-- *ORDERS* COMING IN.
*STAND DOWN.* BETWEEN THE LEGION STOPPING THE INVASION AND BRANDE BUYING OFF HALF THE UNITED PLANETS *COUNCIL*--
KABOOM
"--THE LEGION GETS *FIRST SHOT.*"
PHANTOM GIRL AKA: TINYA WAZZO HOMEWORLD: BOZTL ABILITIES: INTANGIBILITY
STAR BOY AKA: THOM KALLOR HOMEWORLD: XANTHU ABILITIES: INDUCE MASS TO INCREASE WEIGHT
COLOSSAL BOY AKA: GIM ALLON HOMEWORLD: EARTH ABILITIES: GIANT GROWTH

ABOUT TIME THE U.P. COUNCIL OVERRULED THE S.P.s AND LET US LOOSE IN FORCE!
WE SHOULD'VE BROUGHT THIS DOWN ON THEIR HEADS BEFORE LIGHTNING LAD GOT KILLED STOPPING ZARYAN!
KAWHAMMMM
BRAINY WAS ABLE TO CALCULATE THEIR LOCATIONS BACK FROM THE TRAJECTORIES OF THE INVADING SHIPS--WE COULDN'T HAVE FOUND THEM BEFORE!
WHAMMM
AND BRANDE WAS SO ANGRY, SCREAMING ABOUT HOW HE'D LOST A BOY LIKE A SON TO HIM--THEN REMINDING THE COUNCIL OF EVERY DONATION HE'D MADE TO THEIR PET CAUSES.
HE USES HIS CREDITS LIKE A SUPERPOWER!
I THINK HE MEANT IT, P.G.--YOU SHOULDA SEEN THE OLD GUY CRY WHEN COS TOLD HIM GARTH WAS DEAD.

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I WATCHED GARTH DIE SAVING ME. EVER SINCE I GOT THE ADVANCE WARNING I MADE THIS INTRICATE PLAN SO THAT I COULD BE THE BILLIONNAIRE DOOMED TO DIE STOPPING ZARYAN'S INVASION...AND INSTEAD, I WATCHED HIM GET BLASTED BY ZARYAN'S FREEZE RAY
* AS SEEN IN ADVENTURE COMICS #304! --EDITOR KID
I SWORE I'D NEVER LET ANYONE DIE FOR ME AGAIN, AND I COULDN'T KEEP MY OATH. COULDN'T KEEP GARTH FROM BEING FROZEN. AND I WAS TOO STUPID TO EVEN FIGURE OUT HOW HE KNEW TO INTERFERE UNTIL I HEARD HIS DYING WORDS.
MON-EL WARNED ME...COULDN'T LET YOU GET KILLED...
IS THERE A MORE FOOL THAN A WOMAN WHO REALIZES SHE'S IN LOVE AS SHE WATCHES HER MAN DIE?

ZARYAN WAS A FOOL! TRYING TO INVADE EARTH GOT HIM KILLED, AND NOW IT'S GOT THE WHOLE SCIENCE POLICE AND THESE CRAZY LEGIONNAIRES HUNTING US DOWN!
GOOD THING WE'RE DOZENS OF PARSECS AWAY--MAYBE WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THE U.P. PERIMETER ENTIRELY.
UH, CAPTAIN
ULTRA BOY
AKA JO NAH
HOMEWORLD RIMBOR
ABILITIES ABLE TO USE ONE POWER AT A TIME ULTRA VISION STRENGTH SPEED OR INVULNERABILITY
SUPERBOY
AKA KAL-EL
HOMEWORLD KRYPTON
ABILITIES SUPER STRENGTH SPEED SENSES FLIGHT INVULNERABILITY
SUPERGIRL
AKA [illegible]
HOMEWORLD KRYPTON
ABILITIES FLIGHT SUPER STRENGTH
SUPER SENSORY POWERS
...TOO LATE?

THIS IS AMAZING! LAST YEAR MA WOULDN'T LET ME LEAVE SMALLVILLE--
WHAM
--AND NOW BRAINY IS STEERING ME HALFWAY ACROSS A GALAXY AT SUPER-SPEED.
YEAH-- FOR A GUY WHO WON'T LEAVE HIS LAB, HE'S PRETTY USEFUL!
THWAMMM
ZZZZAP
AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO STOP THESE CRUISERS FROM ESCAPING, THEN CALL IN THE SCIENCE POLICE?
NOT A CHANCE!

THEY'RE SUPERHEROES WITH ONE CATCH...

# ...THEIR POWERS WILL KILL THEM

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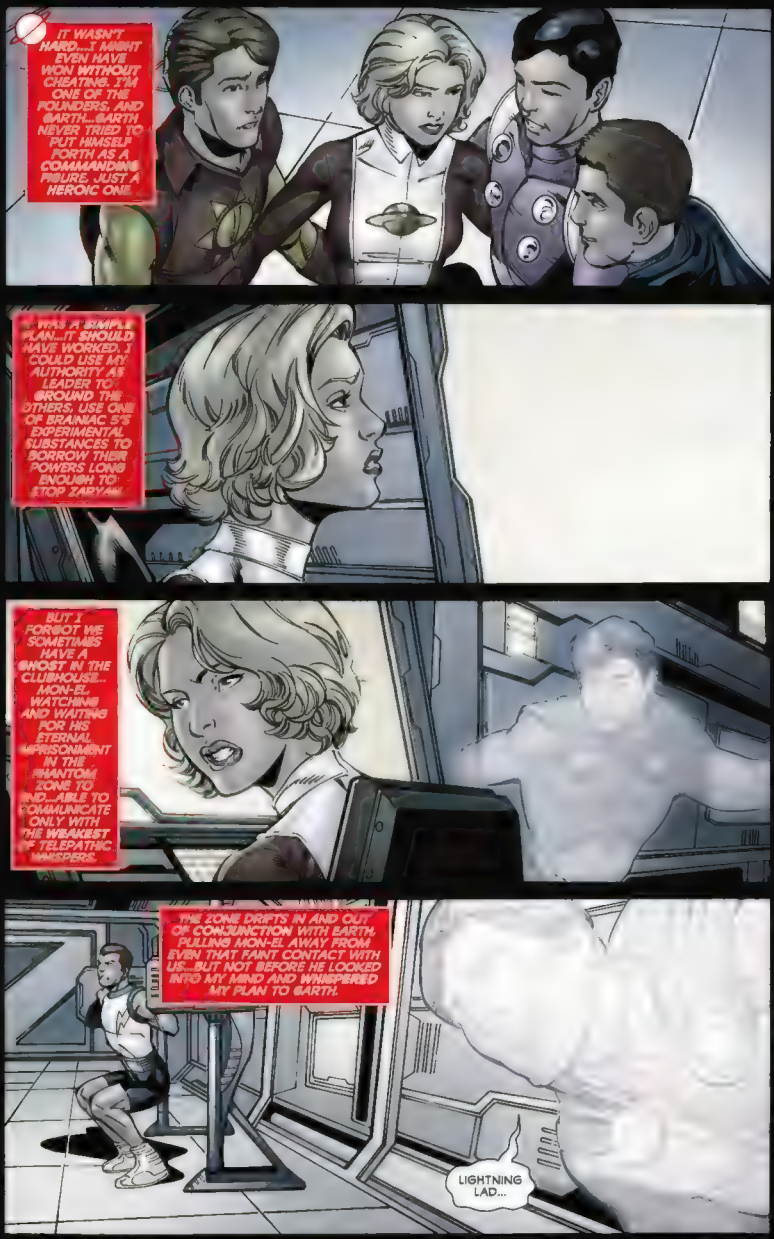
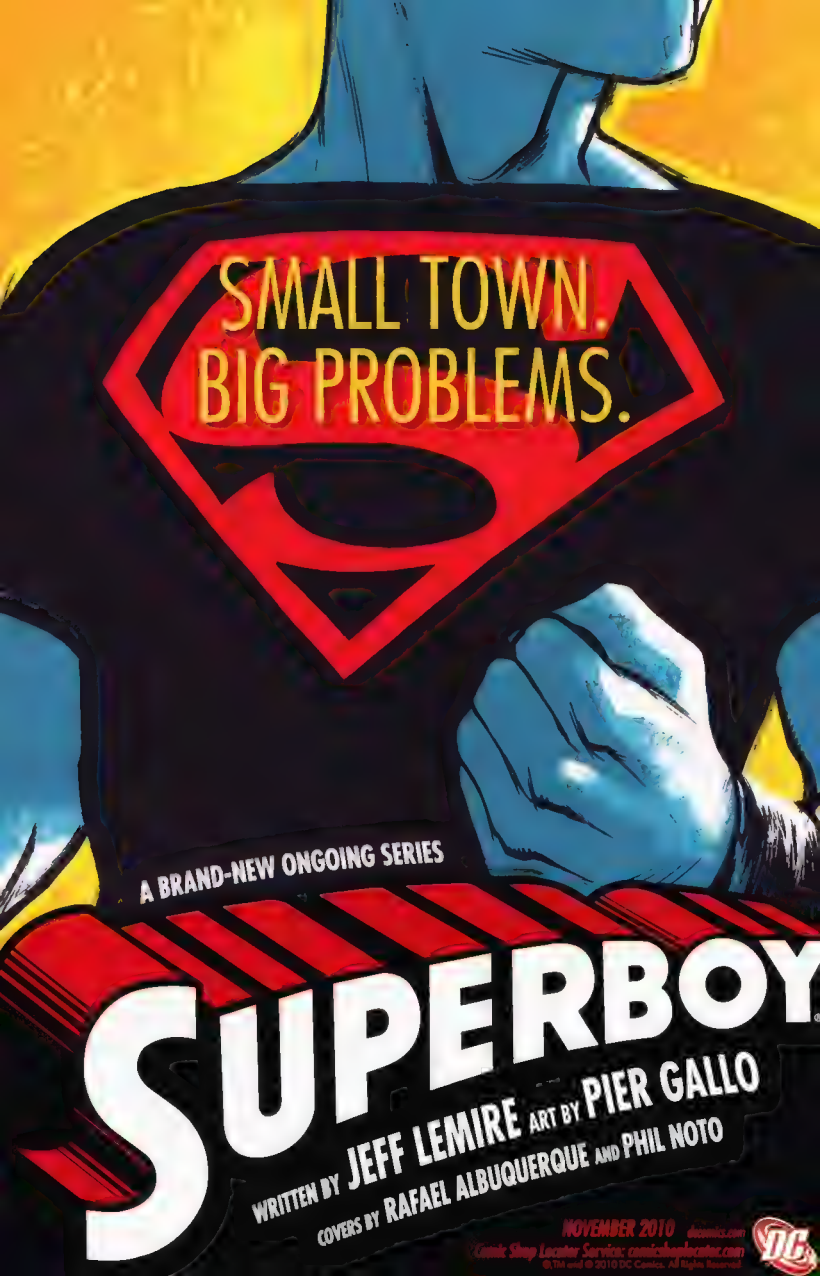
THERE'S A CHANCE I'LL BE ABLE TO FREE YOU FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE PERMANENTLY SOON, MON-EL--
--BUT UNTIL I FINISH TESTING A NEW FORMULA TO PROTECT YOU FROM LEAD POISONING, I REGRET THAT I HAVE TO SEND YOU BACK.
CONSIDER NOT USING THE PHANTOM TELEPATHY TO SCARE US THIS TIME, THOUGH.
I HAD TO
I COULDN'T RISK SUPERBOY BEING THE LEGIONNAIRE KILLED BY ZARYAN--
--AND WHEN SATURN GIRL SET HERSELF UP AS A SACRIFICE I HAD TO WARN SOMEONE.
ZZZZAP
THAT WORKED OUT WELL.
HARD TO MEASURE WHICH WAS STUPIDER--SATURN GIRL'S PLAN OR HIS INTERFERENCE.
WHY DON'T THEY EVER ASK ME?

IT BEGAN WHEN THE MESSAGE CAPSULE ARRIVED FROM NALTOR, THAT STRANGE PLANET WHERE PEOPLE CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE.
ONE OF THEIR MOST TALENTED YOUNG SEERS HAD FORESEEN A LEGIONNAIRE DYING, STOPPING ZARYAN'S ATTEMPT TO INVADE EARTH. BUT THEY COULDN'T TELL WHO...
WHEN SGT. ESQUIVEL DIED TO SAVE ME FROM ZARYAN'S MEN, I SWORE I'D NEVER LET THAT HAPPEN AGAIN. IF DESTINY WAS DOOMING ONE LEGIONNAIRE, IT WAS ONLY FAIR THAT IT WOULD BE ME.
...EVEN IF I HAD TO ARRANGE IT UNFAIRLY.
COSMIC BOY HAD ANNOUNCED HE WAS STEPPING DOWN, AND WE NEEDED TO ELECT A NEW LEADER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE LEGION'S FOUNDING.
SO I CHEATED, AND PLANTED THE THOUGHT IN EVERYONE'S HEAD THAT I WAS HIS NATURAL SUCCESSOR.


IT WASN'T HARD...I MIGHT EVEN HAVE WON WITHOUT CHEATING. I'M ONE OF THE FOUNDERS, AND @ARTH...@ARTH NEVER TRIED TO PUT HIMSELF FORTH AS A COMMANDING FIGURE. JUST A HEROIC ONE.
IT WAS A SIMPLE PLAN...IT SHOULD HAVE WORKED. I COULD USE MY AUTHORITY AS LEADER TO @ROUND THE OTHERS. USE ONE OF BRAINIAC 5'S EXPERIMENTAL SUBSTANCES TO BORROW THEIR POWERS LONG ENOUGH TO STOP ZAPYAR.
BUT I FORGOT WE SOMETIMES HAVE A GHOST IN THE CLUBHOUSE... MON-EL. WATCHING AND WAITING FOR HIS ETERNAL IMPRISONMENT IN THE PHANTOM ZONE TO END...ABLE TO COMMUNICATE ONLY WITH THE WEAKEST OF TELEPATHIC WHISPERS.
...THE ZONE DRIFTS IN AND OUT OF CONJUNCTION WITH EARTH, PULLING MON-EL AWAY FROM EVEN THAT FAINT CONTACT WITH US...BUT NOT BEFORE HE LOOKED INTO MY MIND AND WHISPERED MY PLAN TO EARTH.
LIGHTNING LAD...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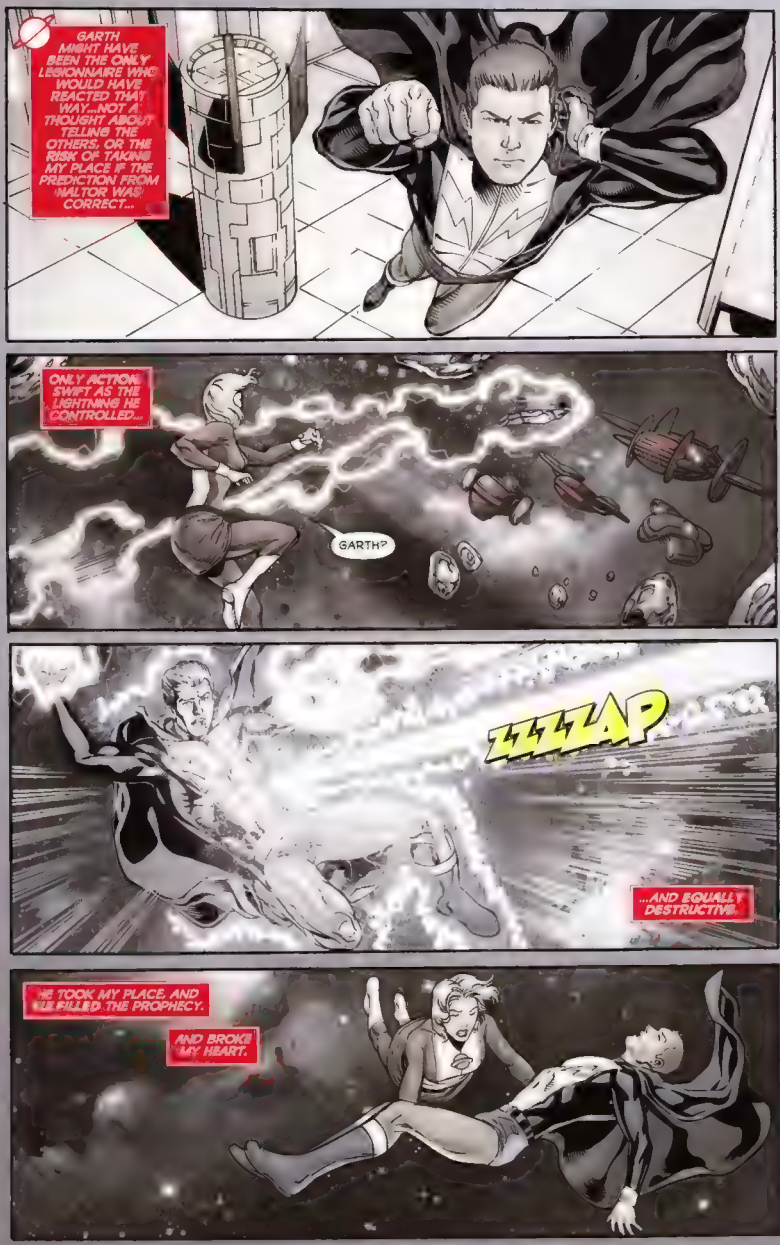
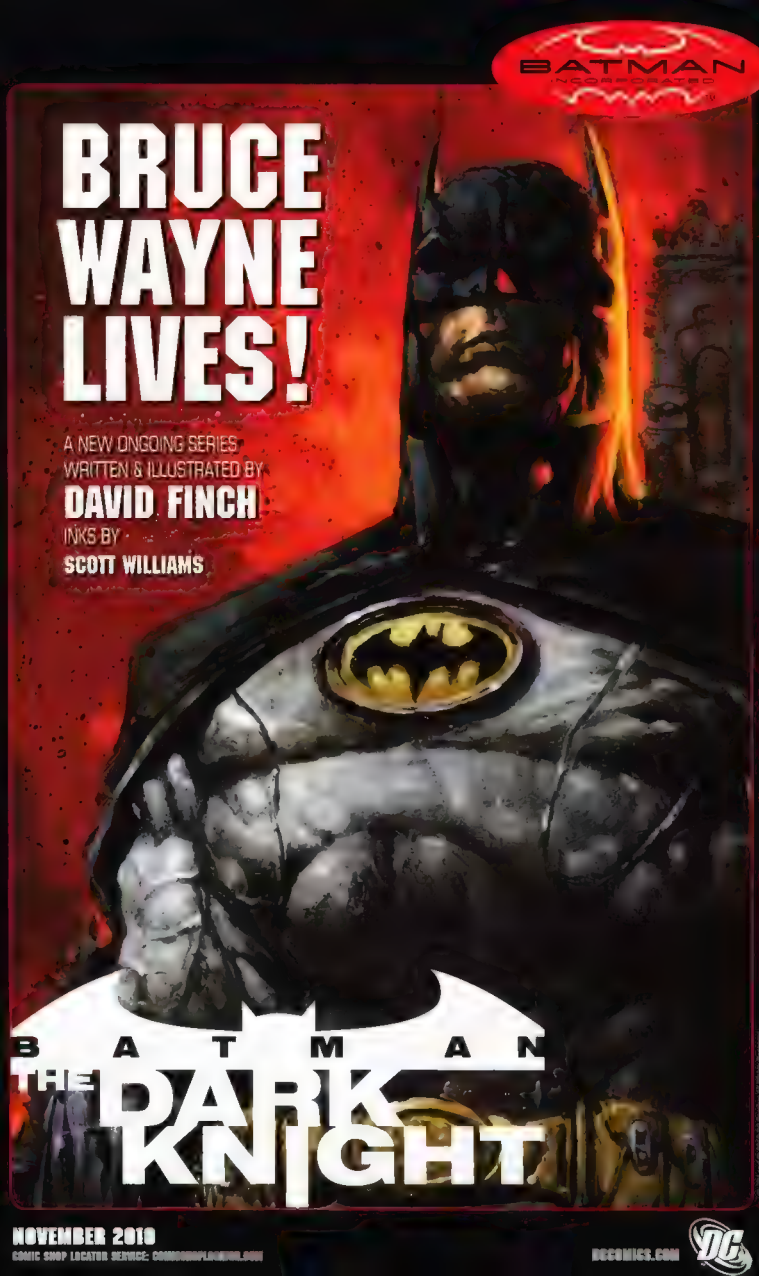

GARTH MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE ONLY LEGIONNAIRE WHO WOULD HAVE REACTED THAT WAY...NOT A THOUGHT ABOUT TELLING THE OTHERS, OR THE RISK OF TAKING MY PLACE IF THE PREDICTION FROM MALTOR WAS CORRECT...
ONLY ACTION SWIFT AS THE LIGHTNING HE CONTROLLED...
GARTH?
ZZZZAP
...AND EQUALLY DESTRUCTIVE.
HE TOOK MY PLACE, AND FULFILLED THE PROPHECY.
AND BROKE MY HEART.

BEFORE ZARYAN'S FLEET COULD REGROUP FROM THE LOSS OF THEIR COMMANDER, MORE LEGIONNAIRES WERE ON THE SCENE. I NEVER STOPPED TO ASK HOW.
INVISIBLE KID
AKA JACQUES FOCCART
HOMEWORLD EARTH
ABILITIES INVISIBILITY
THEN THE SCIENCE POLICE CRUISERS CAME, AND THE DARKNESS AROUND EARTH EXPLODED.
BUT NONE OF THAT MATTERED ANYMORE.
WE WERE ALONE.

GOOD. YOU'RE ALONE, ROKK.
I COULDN'T *HANDLE* DOING THIS IN FRONT OF THE *OTHERS.*
IMRA...
I SHOULD TURN THESE IN BEFORE I GO--
NO
WE VOTED *AGAIN,* AFTER THE FUNERAL. YOU'RE *STAYING...*
...AND YOU'RE *STILL* TAKING OVER FROM ME AS LEADER.
I-I-- CAN'T--
WE *ALL* MADE MISTAKES, IMRA--WE'RE YOUNG. WE'RE *NEW* AT THIS.
--AND WE DON'T HAVE *DESTINY* ON OUR SIDE THE WAY SUPERBOY DOES.
FOR ALL OUR POWERS, WE'RE *ONLY HUMAN.*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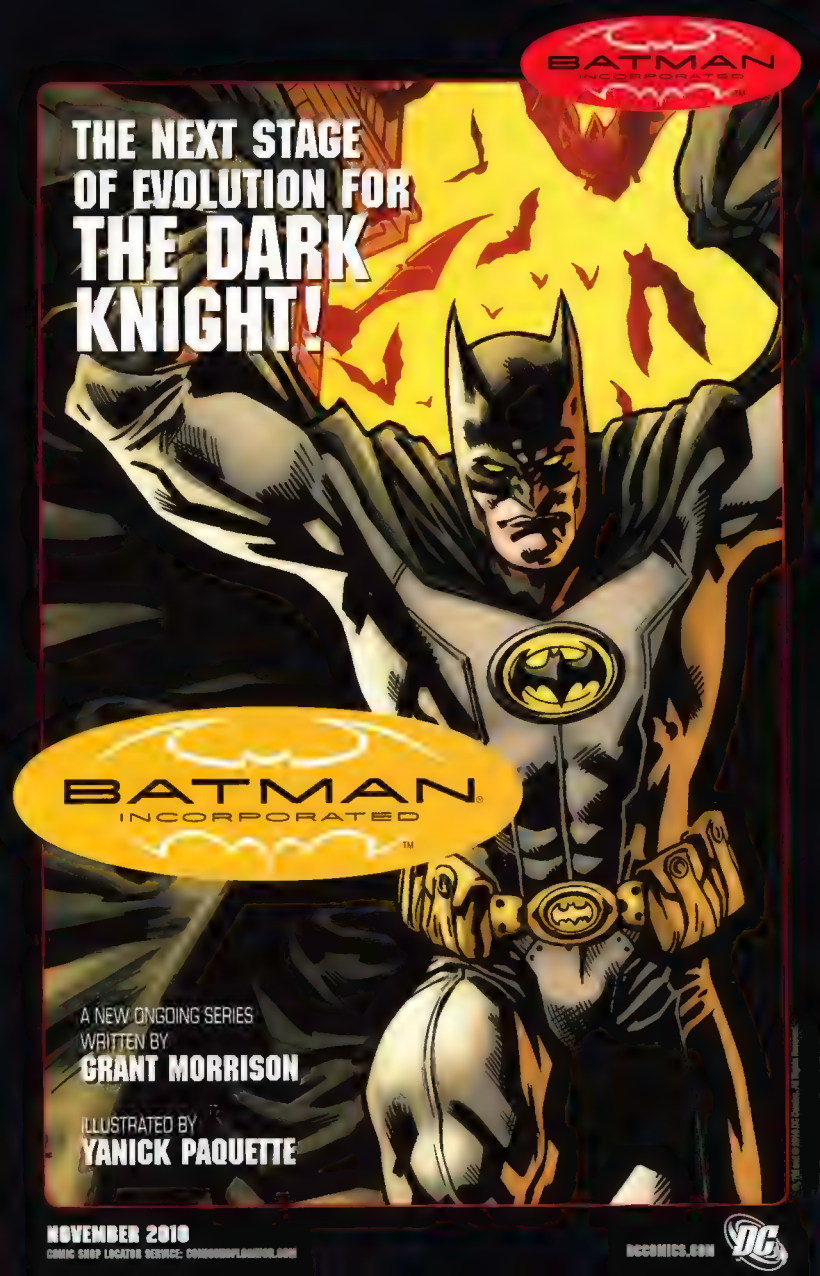
WE HAVE TO TAKE OUR LOSSES AND LEARN FROM THEM.
NONE OF US THINK WE CAN HANDLE IT BETTER THAN YOU.
TAKE A FEW DAYS ON TITAN, THEN GET BACK HERE...
...THE LEGION NEEDS SATURN GIRL.
I...
I WILL.
I HAVE THE BEST FRIENDS IN THE UNIVERSE.

I'VE MEDITATED ON WHAT HAPPENED EVER SINCE, REPLAYING THE EVENTS AGAIN AND AGAIN, SEEKING WISDOM AND THE RIGHT PATH.
THE THOUGHT TRANSCRIBER HAS PUT THIS ALL IN MY JOURNAL, LOCKED AWAY IN THIS PROTECTED ROOM WHERE I LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT MYSELF AND MY ABILITIES, AND NOW ABOUT MY KARMA.
I WAS MEANT TO LIVE THIS LIFE FOR A REASON. EVEN IF I CAN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS PURPOSE YET. ALL OF IT. FROM MEETING R. J. BRANDE TO WATCHING GARTH DIE, IS PART OF ITS PURPOSE...PART OF MY STORY.
I'M READY TO GO BACK, AND PICK UP THE PIECES. I KNOW TWO THINGS, NOW--
I AM A

AND IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO REVERSE THAT FREEZE RAY AND RESTORE EARTH, THE LEGION WILL FIND IT.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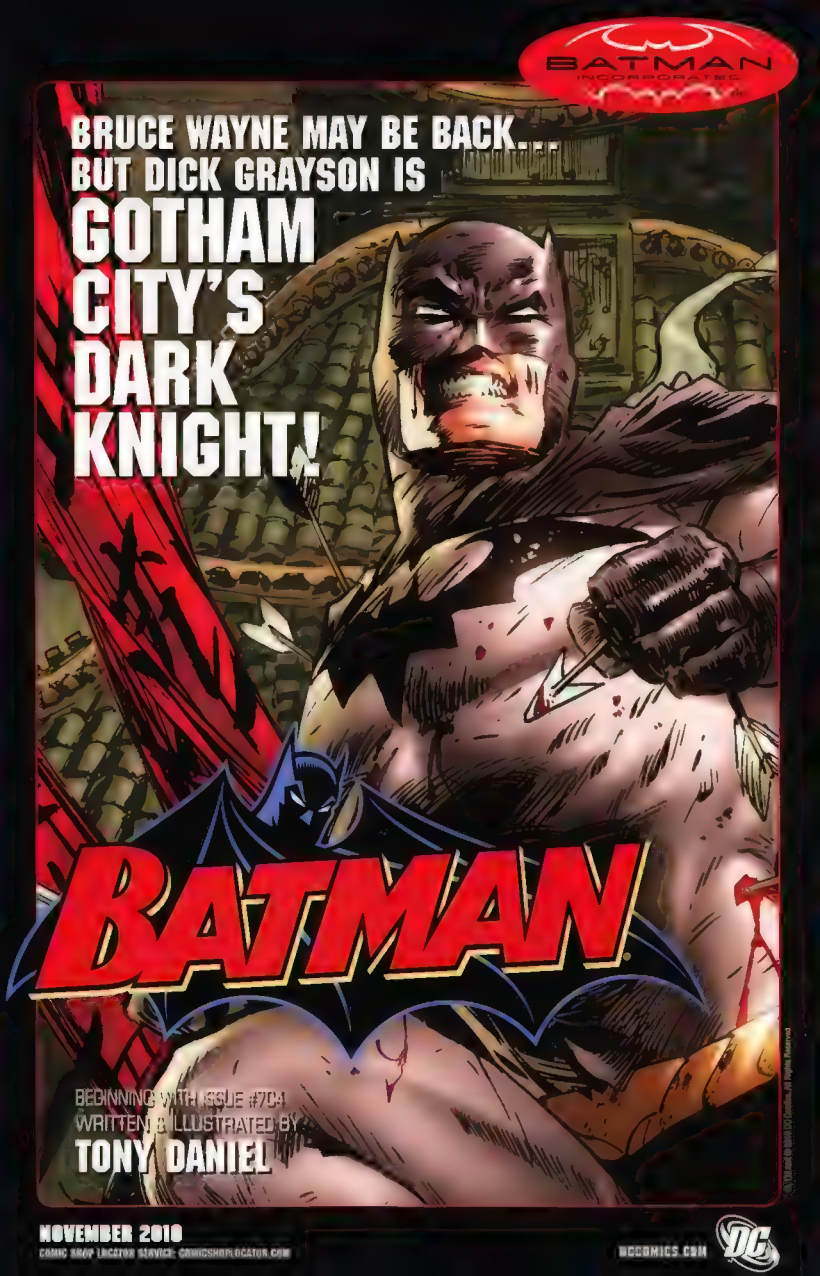
CAN HANDLE IT.
CLANK
...IT'S WITH PRECISION.

I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE AROUND WITH SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES AT LEAST AS SMART AS I AM.
OLLIE USED TO CALL ME THE "HUMAN SMART BOMB." HE HAD HALF OF IT RIGHT.
IT'S WHAT I DO WITH MY BRAINS THAT MAKES ME DIFFERENT. IT'S MY LOVE OF SCIENCE. I'M THE SCIENCE SUPERHERO. I LIKE THAT.
BUT IT'S MORE THAN THAT. I HAVE A PERSPECTIVE ON THE WORLD THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER HAD. WHEN YOU CAN SHRINK DOWN TO SUBATOMIC SIZES, EVEN THE MOST MUNDANE, EVERYDAY OBJECTS BECOME REMARKABLE...AN ADVENTURE
AND NOW THESE MEN ARE TRYING TO STEAL MY GIFT. TRYING TO TAKE IT FOR THEMSELVES.
I MAY BE THE SCIENCE SUPERHERO...I MAY BE THE [illegible]'S PRECISION "SMART BOMB"...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M NOT A BADASS WHEN I NEED TO.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RAYMOND. WHAT'S HAPPENING?
LISTEN TO ME...YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIE...I CAN HELP YOU!
PLEASE... STOP THIS--
I CAN HELP!
TOO LATE FOR... UNGH...
SPLAT
OH GOD! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
SPLAT
SPLAT
SPLAT
RAYMOND, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THESE MEN. THEY WILL DO ANYTHING...ANYTHING TO GET WHAT THEY WANT.

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
RAYMOND?!
HIS MOLECULAR STRUCTURE HAS BECOME UNSTABLE BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY WHITE DWARF MATTER WHEN HE SHRANK.
BUT IF I
YOU--YOU'LL BE FINE NOW...YOU'RE STABLE. NOW PLEASE, TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT.
YOU KNOW WHAT WE WANT, DR. PALMER. THE WHITE DWARF MATTER. HAND IT OVER AND THIS ENDS.

YOU WOULD ALL REALLY KILL YOURSELVES JUST TO COME AFTER ME LIKE THIS? TO WHAT END? YOU KNOW I WON'T GIVE YOU THE METEOR.
OH, WE KNOW, WE WERE JUST HERE TO DISTRACT YOU.
WHAT? ENOUGH OF THIS CRYPTIC @#&%! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
AS WE FOUGHT, A COLONY SCIENCE SQUAD TRANSPORTED YOUR UNCLE'S PATHETIC "ANT FARM" BACK TO OUR MASTER LAB. AND NOW MY MISSION IS ALMOST COMPLETE...
WHA--?!
KRRZZT

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AMERICAN VAMPIRE AND
THE LOSERS TAKE ON
THE DARK KNIGHT!
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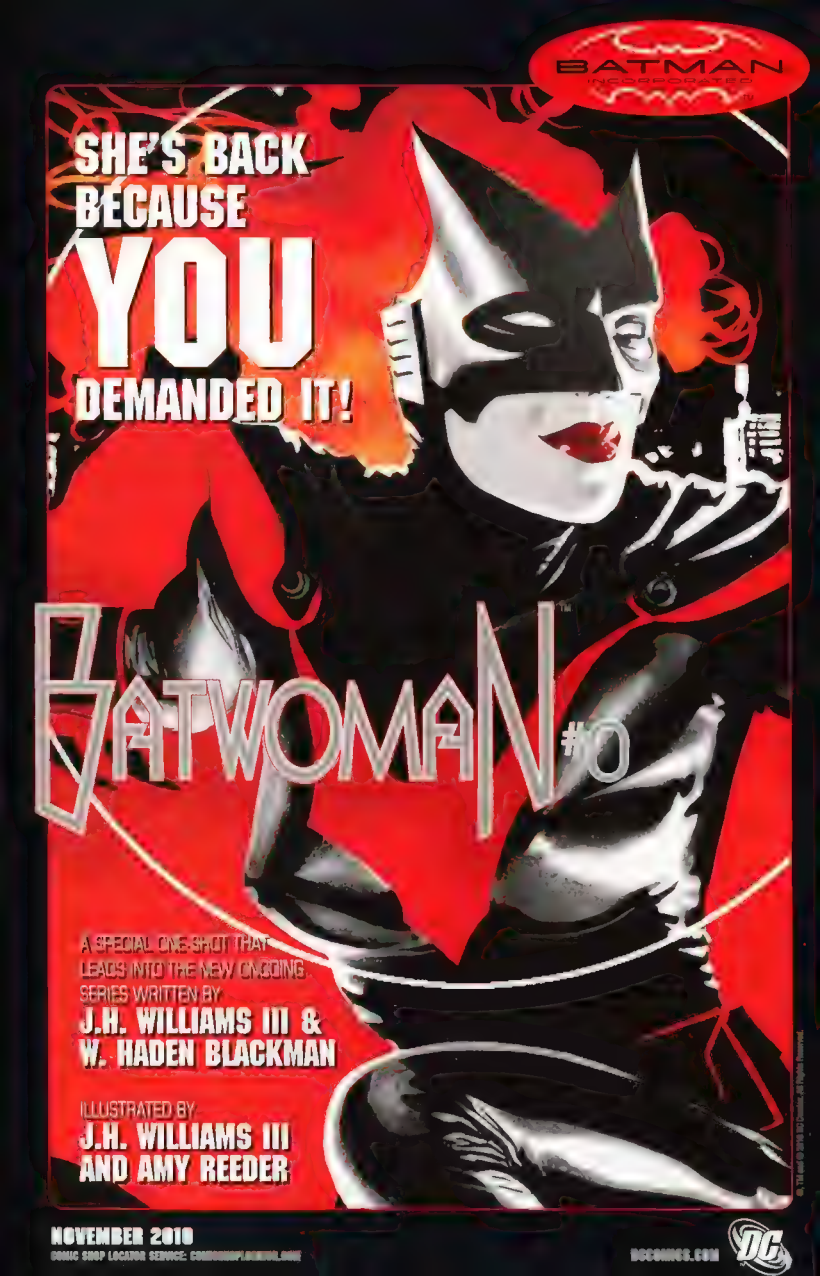
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE. YOU ARE OUR PRISONER NOW. GIVE US THE WHITE DWARF MATTER OR STAY IN HERE FOREVER
URRK!
NO!
THEY--THEY'RE INSANE. THIS IS INSANE.

DAVID...YOUR BELT IS TRASHED TOO?
YES...IT'S USELESS. THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE DOING WHEN THEY CAME IN HERE.
THAT'S IT THEN... THEY HAVE US.
BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE WHITE DWARF MATTER YET. NOT ALL IS LOST.
I APPRECIATE YOUR OPTIMISM, DAVID, BUT THIS COULDN'T POSSIBLY GET ANY WORSE.

DAVID?
I... AHEM! I GAVE THE ANT FARM ITS OWN ATMOSPHERE AND REGULAR CLIMATE CYCLES...
..SORRY
GREAT. WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
RAYMOND, YOU DON'T REALLY THINK I'D COME IN HERE WITHOUT A BACKUP PLAN, DO YOU? FOLLOW ME.
THIS BETTER BE GOOD.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BECAUSE
YOU
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HOW MUCH FARTHER, DAVID? WE'VE BEEN WALKING FOR HOURS.
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
DAVE?
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
WHAT'S THAT?
TO BE CONTINUED!

# HELLO AGAIN, DC NATION!

**Wil Moss** here, editor of the new T.H.U.N.D.E.R. AGENTS comic. Now, I know there are a lot of great DC titles right now competing for your dollar, so why should you check out next week's T.H.U.N.D.E.R. AGENTS #1? Lemme give you some reasons…

• **It's got a terrific hook.** Would you rather burn out or fade away? That's the question at the heart of this series. People at the end of their rope are offered a chance to become super-heroes, but the powers they're offered will end up killing them. The concept's been explored before, sure, but this series offers a unique take on it, and the concept actually comes from the original T.H.U.N.D.E.R. AGENTS comic anyway. Which brings me to my next reason …

• **It celebrates the past while living fully in the present.** You don't need to know a thing about the original T.H.U.N.D.E.R. AGENTS comic – created in the 1960s by the legendary **Wally Wood** – to enjoy this new version. This is a new cast and a clean entrance to the concept. But if you're a fan of the old series, know that this book actually takes place in the same continuity as the original! (And if you're curious about the classic material, check out the DC COMICS PRESENTS: T.H.U.N.D.E.R. AGENTS #1 reprint edition next month!)

• **It's written by the ingenious Nick Spencer.** You know him from the JIMMY OLSEN co-feature, Image's smash hit Morning Glories, and seemingly about a million other projects (including a no-nonsense run on SUPERGIRL that starts in January!). Now's your chance to see him flex a completely different set of muscles in this world of espionage, morally gray conflicts, twists, and, of course, superpowers. You'll be shocked by the stuff Nick has planned for this book!

• **It's drawn by one of the industry's best-kept secrets, CAFU.** As you can see from the art on this page, CAFU is an extremely talented up-and-comer, one who is just as comfortable drawing quiet moments of treachery and duplicity as he is drawing bombastic moments of action and mayhem. Mark my words, this guy's gonna be a star – get in on the ground floor here!

• **It's got an all - star lineup of cover artists and guest interior artists.** #1 sports a cover by **Frank Quitely** and a variant by **Darwyn Cooke** (featuring the classic team!), #2 has a cover by **Gary Frank** and a sequence illustrated by **ChrisCross**, #3's got a cover by **Chris Sprouse** and a sequence by **Howard Chaykin**, and I'm not even gonna tell you which stellar artist has agreed to close out the first arc with #6, or the name of the amazingly gifted artist who just agreed to do the covers for #7-12 – an editor's got to have his secrets!

• **It's is the first great comic of 2011.** And you get to read it two months early!

Still not sold? Then check out a free 10-page preview available now via the DC Comics App or through Comixology.com and see for yourself what an amazing book this is gonna be!

In the meantime, I'll go back to trying to memorize what T.H.U.N.D.E.R. stands for…

—W.I.L. MOSS


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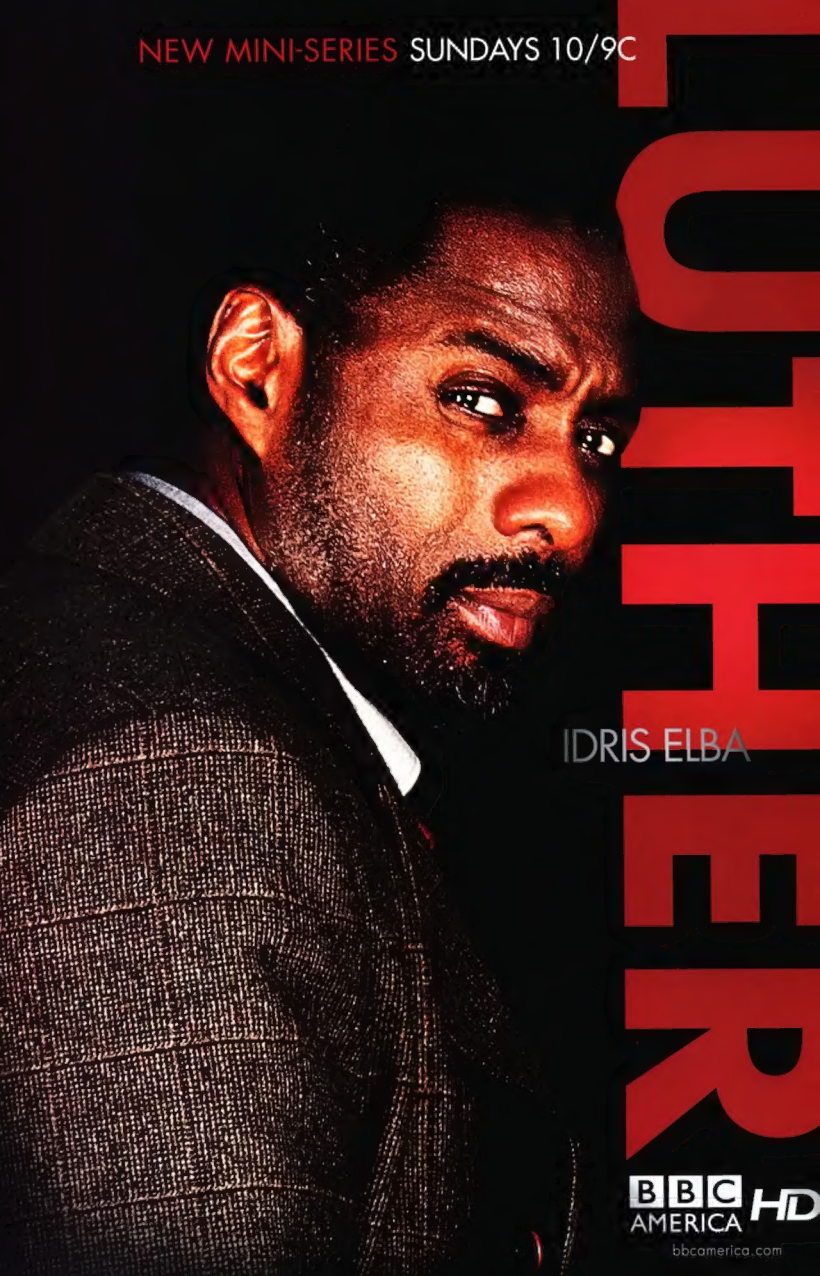
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